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Amendments To The Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A polishing composition used in precision polishing a wafer surface, the polishing composition comprising:

colloidal silica, wherein an average primary particle diameter D_{50} of the colloidal silica, which is obtained from a specific surface area of the colloidal silica measured by a BET method, is from 5 to 30 nm; wherein an average secondary particle diameter D_{N4} of the colloidal silica, which is measured by a laser scattering method, is from 5 to 120 nm;

an alkaline compound;

a water-soluble polymer; and

water.

2. (Previously presented) The polishing composition according to claim 1, wherein the average primary particle diameter D_{50} of the colloidal silica is from 5 to 25 nm.

3. (Previously presented) The polishing composition according to claim 2, wherein the average primary particle diameter D_{50} of the colloidal silica is from 5 to 20 nm.

4. (Original) The polishing composition according to claim 1, wherein the average secondary particle diameter D_{N4} of the colloidal silica is from 5 to 100 nm.

5. (Original) The polishing composition according to claim 4, wherein the average secondary particle diameter D_{50} of the colloidal silica is from 5 to 80 nm.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The polishing composition according to claim 1, wherein the water-soluble polymer is at least one selected from hydroxyethyl cellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, and polyethylene oxide.

8. (Original) The polishing composition according to claim 7, wherein the water-soluble

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polymer is hydroxyethyl cellulose.

9 (Original) The polishing composition according to claim 8, wherein content of the hydroxyethyl cellulose in the polishing composition is from 0.005 to 1.5 wt%.

10. (Original) The polishing composition according to claim 1, wherein the alkaline compound is at least one selected from potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, ammonia, tetramethylammonium hydroxide, anhydrous piperazine, and piperazine hexahydrate.

11. (Withdrawn) A method of polishing a wafer, the method comprising:

preparing a polishing composition, wherein the polishing composition includes:

colloidal silica,

wherein an average primary particle diameter D_{SA} of the colloidal silica, which is obtained from a specific surface area of the colloidal silica measured by a BET method, is from 5 to 30 nm; wherein an average secondary particle diameter D_m of the colloidal silica, which is measured by a laser scattering method, is from 5 to 120 nm;

an alkaline compound;

a water-soluble polymer; and

water; and

precision polishing a surface of the wafer using the polishing composition.

12-17. (Canceled)

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Amendments To The Drawings:

None

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